



## Key Adult Education Links

United States Department of Education  
Office of Vocational and Adult Education

**Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL):** Information on federal grants and adult education in general.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/index.html>

**PBS (Public Broadcasting System) LiteracyLink:** Offers video and online computer technology to help adult students advance their GED (General Educational Development) and workplace skills, as well as professional development for literacy educators and general information to the public about literacy. A lot going on here--check it out!

<http://www.pbs.org/learn/literacy>

**National Institute for Literacy:** A key resource for a variety of adult education concerns, including family literacy, workplace education, and ESL (English as a second language). Join one of NIFL's listservs.

<http://www.nifl.gov>

**National Center for Family Literacy:** Essential resource for family literacy providers and practitioners.

<http://www.famlit.org>

The **Center for Adult English Language Acquisition (CAELA)** replaces the National Center for ESL Literacy Education. Its purpose is to assist states with emerging populations who are learning English as a second language (ESL).

<http://www.cal.org/caela>

The **Northwest Regional Literacy Center (NRLC)** provides leadership in staff development, policy development and resource services for adult basic education practitioners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Washington.

<http://literacynet.org/nwrlrc>

The **Western/Pacific Literacy Network** is a premier web-based resource for the literacy community. It has established an on-line interactive structure for increasing communication and sharing information about adult literacy among the eighteen western states and Pacific islands.

<http://www.literacynet.org/lincs/>

**LINCS (Literacy Information and Communication System)** is a National Institute for Literacy project that provides teaching and learning resources by and for literacy practitioners.

[http://slincs.coe.utk.edu/adopt/lincs\\_template/](http://slincs.coe.utk.edu/adopt/lincs_template/)

**NCSALL is the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy** at Harvard University.

<http://ncsall.gse.harvard.edu>

The **Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)**, sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education, produces the world's premier database of journal and non-journal education literature. The ERIC online system provides a bibliographic database of more than 1.1 million citations going back to 1966.

<http://www.eric.ed.gov>

**ETA (Employment & Training Administration) Welfare to Work:** News releases, fact sheets, regional contact names, and legislative updates pertaining to Welfare-to-Work, as well as links to resources available to individuals and businesses, research findings, and related Web sites.

<http://wtw.doleta.gov>

## **EL CIVICS RESOURCES:**

### **Center for Civic Education:**

<http://www.civiced.org>

The Center for Civic Education is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational corporation dedicated to fostering the development of informed, responsible participation in civic life by citizens committed to values and principles fundamental to American constitutional democracy. The Center specializes in civic/citizenship education, law-related education, and international education exchange programs for developing democracies. Programs focus on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights; American political traditions and institutions at the federal, state, and local levels; constitutionalism, civic participation; and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

**Citizenship Preparation for Adult ESL Learners:** <http://www.cal.org/ncle/DIGEST/citizen.htm>

An ERIC digest prepared by the National Clearinghouse on Literacy Education. This digest will describe the educational requirements of the naturalization process and give ESL teachers a variety of activities to use when preparing learners for the citizenship exam.

### **Civic Education:**

<http://exchanges.state.gov/forum/journal/civic.htm>

The Civic Education volume is designed specifically for language teachers who are turning toward content-based instruction to promote content learning and language learning in their classes. This is produced by the U.S. Department of State, English Language Programs.

**Civic Participation and Community Action Sourcebook:**

<http://hubl.worlded.org/docs/vera/index.htm>

This resource for adult educators includes narrative accounts and skill-building activities that are organized by the following categories: Finding Connections to Communities and Issues; Holding Decision-Makers Accountable; Building Community by Helping Others; Expressing Ourselves and Educating Others, and Organizing for Change.

**Civnet:**

<http://www.civnet.org/index.htm>

CIVITAS, an international consortium for civic education, aims to strengthen effective education for informed and responsible citizenship in new and established democracies around the world. The CIVITAS consortium is composed of individuals, non-governmental associations and governmental institutions from many countries as well as international organizations.

**Q & A on Civics Education for Adult English Language Learners:**

<http://www.cal.org/ncle/digests/civics.htm>

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**EL Civics:**

[http://www.casas.org/ELC/vc\\_elc\\_home.cfm](http://www.casas.org/ELC/vc_elc_home.cfm)

**EL Civics for Low Level ESL Civics Curriculum:**

<http://www.caliteracy.org/education/esl-civics/index.html>

**EL Civics/ NW Lincs Website:**

<http://www.nwlincs.org/NWLINCSEWEB/elclass.htm>

## **REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT:**

**NRS Online:**

<http://www.nrsweb.org>

The National Reporting System (NRS) provides performance and accountability frameworks for adult literacy workers. This extensive site contains clear descriptions of NRS measures and methods, as well as online training courses that may lead to NRS mastery. A sister site provides numerous related full-text publications (reports, guidelines, training materials).

**TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education)**

<http://www.sabes.org/assessment/tabe.htm>

**TABE**

<http://www.ctb.com>

**TABE**

<http://www.tabetest.com>

**CASAS**

<http://www.Casas.org/casasnewweb/index.efm>

**BEST/BEST PLUS**

<http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/bestorders.htm>